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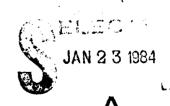
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This final report on contract N00014-76-C-0578 with Stanford University, entitled **Simulation Methodology**, covers the period January 1, 1976 to September 30, 1983. This contract partially supported the research of the Principal Investigator and Project Director, Dr. Donald L. Iglehart, as well as seven Ph.D. students in the Department of Operations Research. The Ph.D. dissertations of these students all appeared under this contract.

A. Summary of Significant Accomplishments

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bibliography Lists During the period January 1, 1976 to September 30, 1983 thirty-one technical reports were issued. The principal topics covered in this research were condition limit theorems for Markov chains, variance reduction techniques for Markov chains, simulation of response times in networks of queues, simulation of generalized semi-Markov processes and general state space Markov chains, asymptotic theory for nonparameteric confidence intervals, an autoregressive method for simulation output analysis, simulation of non-Markovian systems, and simulation output analysis for local area computer networks. Toward the end of this period research began on the development of algorithms to optimize systems parameters for simulation. An approach using smoothing splines has been developed. This work was not completed and written up prior to the expiration of the contract. A report on this work is still planned.

The work accomplished under this contract has significantly enhanced the theoretical foundations for simulation output analysis. Major improvements were made to the regenerative method for generating confidence intervals for steady state system performance characteristics. A new autoregressive method for handling this problem was also developed. In addition, variance reduction techniques designed to make our simulations more efficient were established. Substantial progress was made in understanding how to analyze output from non-Markovian systems. This area seems particularly important for future developments. Our research will continue in this direction.



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